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SUBJECT: REPORTED INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT ARRESTS AT KNCC OFFICE; OTHER REPORTED ARRESTS

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA, AT LEAST TEN RELATIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TRIED WITH KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: TIM TAE-CHUNG) WERE ARRESTED ON MAY 15 AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A 24 HOUR SIT-IN AT THE KNCC HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE IN THE CHRISTIAN BUILDING IN SEOUL. ALL WERE REPORTED RELEASED BY MAY 21. CHURCH SOURCES REPORT THAT THE SIT-IN LASTED FROM THE EVENING OF MAY 15 THROUGH THE FOLLOWING EVENING WHEN POLICE FINALLY BROKE DOWN THE DOOR AND ALLEGEDLY DRAGGED 11 WOMEN DOWN SEVEN FLIGHTS OF STAIRS, DISPERSING THEM TO VARIOUS POLICE STATIONS. ONE WOMAN WAS REPORTED RELEASED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BUT THE REMAINING TEN IN-

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CLUDING MRS. MOON IK-HWAN (MUN IK-HWAN) AND MRS. LEE MUN-YONG (M-R: YI MUN-YONG) AND KIM HA-LIM AND THE SON OF MOON IK-HWAN WERE ALSO REPORTED UNDER DETENTION FOR THE SAME INCIDENT UNTIL MAY 21.

2. COALITION SOURCES FURTHER REPORT THE ARREST OF 48 CHRISTIAN STUDENTS WITHOUT CHARGES WHICH HAS ALLEGEDLY PRECIPITATED NIGHTLY PRAYER MEETINGS THROUGH MUCH OF MAY. OTHER REPORTS CLAIM THAT 48 MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE PRESENTLY IN PRISON. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THESE TWO GROUPS ARE THE SAME I.E. PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS.
3. IN ADDITION, COALITION SOURCES REPORT THAT SIX OF THE REPORTED FORTY SUNGKYUNKWAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARRESTED AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 12 HAVE BEEN "BEATEN AND TORTURED DAILY."

4. THE ABOVE REPORTS HAVE PROMPTED AT LEAST ONE INFORMAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY AND ONE PRIVATE TELEGRAM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN FURNISH ON THE

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